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46 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

47 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN JOSE DIVISION

48 CHASOM BROWN, WILLIAM BYATT,
49 JEREMY DAVIS, CHRISTOPHER
50 CASTILLO, and MONIQUE TRUJILLO,
51 individually and on behalf of all similarly
52 situated,

53 Plaintiffs,

54 v.

55 GOOGLE LLC,
56 Defendant.

57 Case No. 5:20-cv-03664-LHK-SVK

58 **JOINT SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO
59 DKT. 242, 242-1 RE: CUSTODIANS AND
60 SEARCH TERMS**

62 Referral: Hon. Susan van Keulen, USMJ

1 August 24, 2021

2 Submitted via ECF

3 Magistrate Judge Susan van Keulen
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6 Re: Joint Submission in Response to Dkt. 242, 242-1 re: Custodians and Search Terms
7 *Brown v. Google LLC*, Case No. 5:20-cv-03664-LHK-SVK (N.D. Cal.)

8 Dear Magistrate Judge van Keulen:

9 Pursuant to Your Honor's August 12, 2021 Discovery Orders (Dkts. 242, 242-1), Plaintiffs
10 and Google LLC ("Google") jointly submit this statement containing a table identifying the sole
11 disputed custodian (Chart A).

12 The parties were able to reach agreement on search terms for the following recently-added
13 custodians: Alex Ainslie, Florian Uunk, Hyewon Jun, Othar Hansson, Ramin Halavati, Srilakshmi
14 (Sree) Pothana, Steve Hamilton, Sammit Adhya, Brad Townsend, Chetna Bindra, Deepak
15 Ravichandran, Michael Kleber, Benj Azose, Burton Rast, and Chris Palmer.

16 Despite best efforts, Google anticipates that its collection of ESI for five other newly-
17 accepted custodians (i.e., Lorraine Twohill, Arne de Booij, Allan Zhang, Martin Shelton, Rory
18 McClelland) and the one disputed custodian (i.e., David Monsees) will not be available for testing
19 until Friday, August 27, 2021, and thus the parties propose filing a supplemental statement on
20 Monday, August 30, 2021 if a similar resolution is not reached by that time.

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Chart A: Disputes re Google Custodians (Dispute P1)		
Custodian	Plaintiffs' Position	Google's Position
David Monsees	<p>The parties have only one custodian in dispute, and Plaintiffs now respectfully request that the Court order Google to include David Monsees as a custodian. Including Mr. Monsees will result in a total of 42 Google custodians, as permitted by the Court.</p> <p>Already a custodian in <i>Calhoun</i>, Mr. Monsees' role and the documents produced by Google from the files of other Google employees establish that Mr. Monsees should also be a custodian in this case. In his LinkedIn profile, Mr. Monsees states that his work at Google is "focused on privacy controls." That has included work focused on the privacy controls, data collection, data logging, and data usage at issue not only in <i>Calhoun</i> but also in this case.</p> <p>As the Court will recall, Google designated Mr. Monsees as Google's 30(b)(6) representative in <i>Calhoun</i> on certain Google data logging practices. Not only did Google identify Mr. Monsees as its corporate representative, with many key documents tied to him regarding Google's data logging practices, but he has also been involved with various aspects of Incognito.</p> <p>Plaintiffs expect that Mr. Monsees has highly relevant and unique documents concerning the issues in this case, including the overlap between Google's logging practices</p>	<p>To streamline the issues in dispute and mindful of the parties' October 6, 2021 deadline, Google accepted all but one of the 13 new custodians that Plaintiffs proposed; however, their request for Mr. Monsees reflects an overreach for custodial documents of an employee who is not relevant to this case and the relevant documents he would have, if any, would be duplicative of the existing custodians.</p> <p>Plaintiffs do not dispute that Mr. Monsees is the Product Manager for Footprints—not an expert on logs or Google's purported "logging practices." <i>See, e.g., Calhoun</i> Monsees 4/9/21 Dep. Tr. at 25:19-26:6. In this role, Mr. Monsees is responsible for My Activity in Google Accounts. As such, Mr. Monsees has responsibilities over privacy controls for signed-in users because he has responsibilities over logged-in user-initiated deletion requests (<i>i.e.</i>, authenticated data). That area of responsibility, however, excludes the putative class members in this case and Incognito mode generally.¹ <i>See, e.g., id.</i> at 71:4-12. Plaintiffs cite to Mr. Monsees' LinkedIn profile but omit that his "privacy"-related work was in connection with GDPR, and they fail to point to any specific responsibilities that are relevant to their allegations.</p>

¹ Indeed, the Court has already stated that discovery "will continue to tie back to the proper *definitions of the class*." June 2, 2021 Hrg. Tr. at 35:15–16 (emphasis added). In any event, the Court has referred the logged-in vs. logged-out distinction to the Special Master, and as such, Plaintiffs' position that Mr. Monsees is relevant to these issues is at best premature until the Special Master rules on the parties' briefing. This Court is not required to accept Plaintiffs' relevance arguments *ipse dixit* where this threshold issue is a point of contention.

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	<p>and Google's related privacy efforts, including with Incognito mode. For example, during his 30(b)(6) deposition, Mr. Monsees testified about certain Google [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <i>See, e.g.</i>, Monsees Tr. at 598:13–598:14, 607:17–607:25.</p> <p>Google's "logged-in" characterization provides no basis to withhold these documents. As the Court knows, there is an ongoing dispute in this case regarding this "logged-in" distinction, drawn by Google. Regardless, this case concerns Google's collection while people are not logged in on the device <i>browser</i>, where there are clearly occasions where those class members log into accounts on <i>websites</i> while logged out on the browser, and where Google maps logged-out and logged-in data. Mr. Monsees is uniquely situated to provide documents and information regarding Google's logging practices and use of private browsing information collected from class members.</p> <p>In addition, Mr. Monsees' name appears in many emails concerning meetings and discussions <i>about Incognito mode</i>. <i>See, e.g.</i>, GOOG-BRWN-00176982. For example, when a Google employee sent an email [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (a key issue in this case), [REDACTED] [REDACTED] GOOG-BRWN-00189931. Google employees also [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>	<p>Lacking a direct nexus to the core allegations of this case, Plaintiffs maintain that they are entitled to Mr. Monsees' ESI because (i) he is "[a]lready" a custodian in <i>Calhoun</i>, and they have already coordinated with <i>Calhoun</i> on an anticipated "joint deposition" of Mr. Monsees; (ii) he was Google's Rule 30(b)(6) designee in <i>Calhoun</i> on logs-related issue; and (iii) certain documents identify him as an " [REDACTED]" or reference Incognito mode but in products that are squarely outside the scope of this case (e.g., Google Search). Each argument rests on conjectures and mischaracterizations, and is insufficient to support their request to compel his ESI.</p> <p><i>First</i>, Mr. Monsees is a custodian in <i>Calhoun</i> precisely because of his responsibilities related to logged-in users. There can be no dispute that <i>Brown</i>'s class definition excludes logged-in users. <i>See</i> SAC ¶ 192 (defining the putative class to exclude users who "were not logged into their Google account on that device's browser") (emphasis added). Google is learning for the first time through this submission that the <i>Brown</i> and <i>Calhoun</i> Plaintiffs intend to "jointly" depose Mr. Monsees. Google has not been served with a notice for any such deposition. In any event, although the request merits objection in both actions, the two cases are not similarly situated in this regard. That there is a cross-use agreement does not give Plaintiffs <i>carte blanche</i> to piggyback on any requested deposition of (and receive custodial documents from) any custodian, no matter how irrelevant in this case. If that were the case, we would end up with complete overlap in custodians and</p>

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	<p>his ESI in this action in addition to the <i>Calhoun</i> action. Should the Court rule otherwise, Plaintiffs request to propose an alternative custodian.</p>	<p>documents are not specific to the Chrome Incognito function at issue here. Mr. Monsees did not have a formal role on the Chrome browser's Incognito mode; receiving an invitation to attend a meeting to discuss Incognito for an out-of-scope Google product hardly warrants his addition as a custodian.</p> <p>Plaintiffs' so-called "expectations" of what lies in Mr. Monsees' ESI does not meet their burden of demonstrating that he would have unique documents relevant to this case. For its part, Google has identified appropriate custodians on Sin Rastro, privacy, and Incognito for Chrome—a point confirmed by virtually every document Plaintiffs marshaled in recent months to establish good cause. Those documents either refers to or includes at least one <i>Brown</i> custodian, including Greg Fair (PDPO), Florian Uunk (Chrome), AbdelKarim Mardini (Chrome), Sabine Borsay (Chrome), Rahul Roy-Chowdhury (Chrome), Alex Ainslie (Chrome), Justin Schuh (Chrome), and Sam Heft-Luthy (PDPO). <i>See, e.g.</i>, GOOG-BRWN-00177764, GOOG-BRWN-00176982, GOOG-BRWN-00189933, GOOG-BRWN-00246045, GOOG-BRWN-00165700; GOOG-BRWN-00432333. Plaintiffs have not shown any likelihood that Mr. Monsees possesses relevant and responsive ESI not already captured by these individuals. For these reasons, Plaintiffs' request to compel Mr. Monsees as a custodian in this action should be denied.</p>

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